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# Buses Procured under MPLADS Rotting Away at Various Places in A & N Islands



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Campbell Bay, 5 November  
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Several buses procured from the Member of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS) is rotting away parked at different places in Andaman and Nicobar Islands. These buses were donated by the Member of Parliament to various Gram Panchayats and Panchayat Samitis across Andaman and Nicobar Islands for the benefit of the general public.

Many of these buses have been parked for a long time and are not operational.

It is also being reported that many panchayats are also not taking any steps for the upkeep of these buses and because of which a huge loss is being incurred to the Govt. exchequer.

These buses were procured from the public money and ought to have been utilised for providing services to the general public of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, but instead, most of these buses are not being used at all.

In remote areas of Andaman and Nicobar Islands like Campbell Bay

the condition of the buses operated by the State Transport Department are very poor and these buses procured under MPLADS could have been utilised for providing services to the general public, but for unknown reasons these buses are gathering dust parked in different places.

According to one Ex-PRI of Campbell Bay, once a meeting was conducted locally and it was decided to hand over these buses to the State Transport Department for utilising it to provide services to the residents, but STS refused to take over the buses sighting non-availability of spare parts.

Unfortunately, these buses are lying around at different places rotting without being used and the administration seems to have forgotten about it.

Crores of Rupees have been spent in the procurement of these buses.

Responsibility should be fixed by the Administration for the non-utilisation of these buses which are rotting away at various places.

These buses should be repaired and pressed into services so that the general public can benefit from the public money spent on their procurement.

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# 1.3+ Million Views on Youtube for Cover of Manike Mage Hithe by Island Boy



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[Rohit Kumar](#)

Port Blair, 5 November  
2021

Mr. Washiulla Khan an Island Boy who originally hails from Tamaloo Village of Car Nicobar has crossed 1.3+ Million Views on Youtube for his cover of 'Manike Mage Hithe'. 'Manike Mage Hithe' is a popular Sinhala song sung by Yohani and Satheeshan, the lyrics for the song was written by Dulan ARX.

Mr. Washiulla is a budding singer from Andaman and Nicobar Islands and he informed Nicobar Times that the cover for 'Manike Mage Hithe' is his first official release.



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The song was recorded in Resonance - Digital Audio Recording Studio located at Dollygunj, Port Blair.

Mr. Washiulla informed Nicobar Times that he is trying to establish himself as a singer and the popularity of his cover song has instilled confidence in him that he can achieve great heights.

Creators from Andaman and Nicobar Islands are touching new heights every day. Great content is being produced by the creators from the Islands for different platforms.

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Andaman and Nicobar Islands has achieved 70.27% second dose COVID-19 Vaccination of its eligible population. Altogether 2,94,348 people in the Islands have received their first dose of COVID-19 vaccination which is 102.92% of the approximate targeted beneficiaries of Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

Out of the 2,94,348 people who have received their first dose of COVID-19 Vaccination, 2,06,841 have also received their second dose of the vaccine.

Andaman and Nicobar Islands is moving fast towards 100% double-dose vaccination of its entire eligible population.

At present, there are 10 active cases of COVID-19 in the Islands. Altogether, 7659 COVID-19 cases have been detected in Andaman and Nicobar Islands from March 2020.

7520 people have recovered from COVID-19 in the Islands until today and 129 souls have also lost their lives.

All 10 cases of COVID-19 are currently located in South Andaman District and the other two districts of A & N Islands are currently COVID-19 free.

Andaman and Nicobar Islands is also well prepared to tackle any future COVID-19 cases. There are 286 Isolation beds in the North and Middle Andaman District, 5583 isolation beds in South Andaman District and 507 isolation beds in the Nicobar District.

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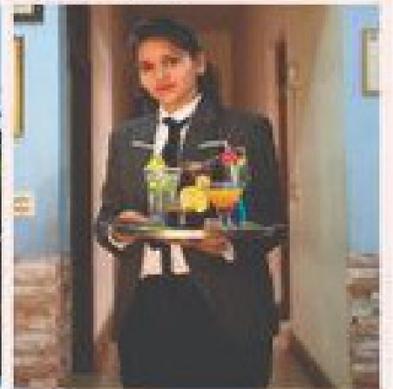
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